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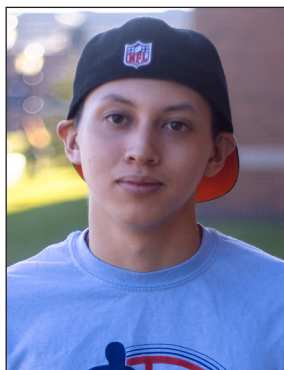
*Your Guide to* 10 THINGS TO  
DO BEFORE YOU GRADUATE

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# Just Sayin'...

by **Jon Gallardo**



**E**arly on in The Fellowship of the Ring, Frodo recalls Gandalf telling him that “there was only one Road; that it was like a great river: its springs

were at every doorstep, and every path its tributary. ‘It’s dangerous business ... going out your door,’ he used to say. ‘You step onto the road, and if you don’t keep your feet, there’s no knowing where you might be swept off to.’”

This Tolkien quote pertains to adventure, and life itself is one long one.

College is just one of the roads that you’ll travel on in your journey. How do you stay on your feet, how do you keep your head up during your first year of college, which is vital to the rest of your college career?

You’ll hear people tell you to join a local church, read the Bible daily (if you’re not doing so already), or find good friends to confide in. These are all great, but there’s some areas that tend to get overlooked.

### **Talk to upperclassmen.**

They’ve taken speech, PAC and PACL, and

they survived. (If you don’t know what these mean, you will very soon.) Whatever you’re going through, there’s an upperclassman who has experienced the same thing. Don’t feel intimidated or embarrassed. There’s nothing wrong with going to someone for advice.

### **You don’t have to find your spouse while you’re here.**

It’s great if you meet someone that you want to spend the rest of your life with, but if you don’t find that person at Cedarville, don’t worry. There are billions of other people out there. If you spend all your time looking for “The One,” you’ll miss out on so much.

### **Manage your time well.**

If you get involved with too many things at once, you’ll burn out quickly. Don’t neglect your studies, but don’t devote all your time to them, either. It’s possible for you to focus on schoolwork and have a social life at the same time. Sometimes it’s good to step away from your assignments and just have fun. Go on a late night Taco Bell run, binge-watch the first seven seasons of “The Office,” take a leisurely walk around the lake. Live life.

Your college years will probably be the best of times and the worst of times. Keep your head up, and you should do fine. If you do find yourself drowning, don’t be afraid or embarrassed to cry for help. That’s the beauty of this school: someone will hear you and lift you up.

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# 10 Things to Do Before You Graduate

by Staff

## 1. Do Campus Christmas.

Christmas is the time for winter wonderlands, snowball fights, and favorite holiday traditions. Here at Cedarville, our favorite tradition is Campus Christmas.

Campus Christmas allows students to revert back to childhood, while giving them a well-deserved break from classes before finals. Campus Christmas offers a wide variety of entertainment from classic Christmas movies to winter-themed crafts to pictures with Santa.

Open dorms are another popular part of Cedarville's Christmas festivities. Each RA group comes up with an elaborate theme in which to decorate their section of the dorm. In previous years, dorms have become the likes of Indiana Jones, Tangled, TLC shows, Christmas puns and Cedarville parodies. There are prizes for most creative design and opportunities for the community to tour each dorm.



## 2. Visit Young's Jersey Dairy.

The initial draw to Young's Jersey Dairy in Yellow Springs is the homemade ice cream and fresh waffle cones. Along with traditional flavors, there are some that are unique to Young's, such as cow patty, sea salt caramel and chocolate peanut butter. Flavors like these quickly give you a reason to make a trip to Young's even in the middle of January. If you're not the ice cream type or are a bit too chilly to indulge, hot cheese curds or burgers are just some of the items on the menu at Young's Dairy Store.



And there's more than food at Young's – corn mazes, pumpkin picking and miniature golf are just a few of the activities offered throughout the year.

## 3. Take a nature break.

Adventuring into the world beyond concrete-walled, pasty-colored dorms and classrooms is a must for maintaining one's sanity, especially while navigating syllabus shock each semester. There's no doubt that you'll get overwhelmed. So become an explorer – not just an academic – during your

time here, and bring your books outdoors.

Cedarville is located within minutes of hiking trails, waterfalls and dense foliage, picture-perfect to a T.

The Indian Mounds are just a jog away, and the waterfall, bridges and rocky trails are beautiful at any time of year. Bring a blanket, stretch out on the grass and study with Native

American history literally at your fingertips.

Yellow Springs' Clifton Gorge is a hot spot in the fall. Providing plenty of overlooks to the Little Miami River, its foliage is as picturesque as the water's babble is refreshing. John Bryan State Park, also in Yellow Springs, is a popular bro-sis destination for a cookout, game of frisbee or a hike.

## 4. Attend bro-sis events.

It can be daunting to step onto a new campus as a freshman and make friends. But Cedarville's tradition of bro-sis activities provides a unique opportunity to get to know people both in your own hall and in your corresponding brother or sister hall.

Each section of a residence hall has a brother or sister hall. Most brother-sister RA pairs organize bro-sis dinners, activities, cookouts and game nights.

Whether your hall has regular bro-sis dinners or a variety of bro-sis get-togethers, jump in and join the fun. You'll meet some new people, enjoy yourself and find a much-needed break from studying. The friends you make down the hall or across the courtyard might just become your closest Cedarville buddies.

Don't miss the 30th annual bro-sis beachball volleyball tournament.

3:45 p.m. August 22  
in the Field House

## 5. Spend a day in Yellow Springs.

Here's a list of things that Cedarville and Yellow Springs have in common: they're located in Ohio, they have around the same number of people, and they both have a Subway restaurant. But other than that, the two towns are not alike.

Most famous for Antioch College, whose alumni include Coretta Scott King and the late Leonard Nimoy, downtown Yellow Springs is like an outdoor mall, home to over 40 stores and 15 restaurants.

For you hipsters, Yellow Springs has a cyclery, two comic book shops and a record store. If you believe the printed page is superior to the e-book (which is true), visit Epic Books, which has over 40,000 new and used books, or go to the town's other two bookstores.

For all you cinephiles, the Little Art Theatre shows classic movies and foreign films, as well as independent arthouse flicks.

And if you like coffee but think Starbucks is too mainstream, visit the Spirited Goat, which serves locally roasted coffee and hosts live music and open mic nights.

Spend a few hours visiting Yellow Springs. It's only 10 minutes away.





## 6. Find your go-to coffee shop drink.

Whether you like coffee or can't stand the bitter beverage, it's part of Cedarville's culture. With Rinnova, Stoney Creek Roasters and Beans-N-Cream just a walk away, grabbing coffee with friends is inevitable during your time at Cedarville. So, coffee-lover or not, find a few things you like at these places.

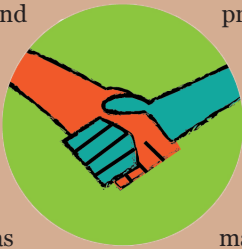
This task is easy for the coffee lover, but what about you who prefer to avoid the beverage? Rest assured, every coffee shop has alternatives like smoothies, teas or the ever-popular chai latte. Try a few – spend your Chuck's Bucks or treat yourself – and figure out your go-to drink. This way, you won't have to decline those invitations for a coffee-shop get together. And for the coffee lovers, finding your go-to drink will save you time ordering, giving you the much-needed caffeine just that much sooner.



## 8. Get involved.

Extracurricular involvement – both on and off campus – is fundamental to the Cedarville experience. It's through orgs, campus employment, and volunteer opportunities that you make lasting connections and learn professional skills.

Join at least one group that's related to your career of interest. It's never too soon to start adding to your resume. If a slew of academic and profession-based orgs isn't enough, there's a gamut of options for campus employment – Cedars, the Admissions Office, yearbook, research assistant, tutoring, IT staff, etc. – that are more than just menial (and meaningless) labor.



And there's just as many resume-building opportunities off campus. From working at local media outlets to tutoring students at Cedar Cliff to working in a local pharmacy, Cedarville's in a prime location for giving students hands-on, professional experience years before you're handed a diploma.

Don't miss out.

## 10. Go on a missions trip.

Sometimes it's easy to take the culture in which you grew up for granted, but not every person does things the same way you do. College can be a great time to see God's work around the world and to be a part of it.

Cedarville's Global Outreach office offers domestic and international trips during spring and summer breaks. There's medical ministry in Africa, children's ministry in Latin America, evangelism in New York City, and much more.

Never been on a missions trip before? No problem. Global Outreach will help you every step of the way from raising support money to training for your ministry to arranging travel there and back.

Take a risk. Escape the cornfields. Go on a Global Outreach trip.

## 7. Check out Cedarville's academic resources.

Let's face it. College classes are more difficult than high school classes. Thankfully, Cedarville has resources to help.

If you need extra help with a certain class, Cedarville's academic enrichment center, The Cove, provides tutoring options. Chances are that if you're struggling in a class, other people are as well. Principles of biology, general chemistry, politics and american culture, and more have academic peer coaches. Academic peer coaches are upperclassmen who have taken the class and lead weekly review sessions, as well as offer personal tutoring. If your class doesn't offer an academic peer coach, you can reserve a tutor through The Cove.

Check into the Writing Center when you're writing that term paper. Whether you need help with brainstorming, research or citations, you can schedule an appointment online to meet with a peer tutor. The tutor will help you talk through your paper and advise you on how to improve it.

## 9. Back the Jackets.

Attend a sporting event while you're here, and you'll see some of the best college teams the Midwest has to offer (in Division II, that is). You can see a posterizing dunk, a walk-off homerun, a devastating spike and a goal off a bicycle kick all for free.

The women's basketball team went 27-4 last season, including a perfect 15-0 record at home, and won their conference while earning an at-large bid to the Division II tournament. The men's team will have eight new players on its roster this year and will look to improve on last season. Attending the basketball games will also give you chances to get free Taco Bell and win Chick-Fil-A.

The women's volleyball team has won conference titles in each of the past three years, while the men's soccer team has finished atop the standings the past two years.

If you're athletically inclined, try out for the JV teams, the school's ultimate team or the track team. But if you just enjoy playing sports, join an intramural team or four. Intramural teams – from basketball to dodgeball to tennis – are a good way to meet new people and burn calories at the same time.

